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## 10 Linked to Mafia Indicted in Kickback

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Ten reputed Mafia members are among 13 persons who have been indicted here on charges of conspiring to pay kickbacks to a teamsters' pension fund official to obtain a mortgage loan for a builder.

The conspiracy allegedly involved a heated jurisdictional dispute between New York and Michigan Mafia members over the spoils. To arbitrate the dispute, a Government source said, a hearing was held near Pittsburgh under the aegis of the Mafiosi there with a decision handed down by a 76-year-old "referee."

Before the sealed Federal indictment was opened yesterday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested nine of the 10 reputed Mafia figures. The 10th is a fugitive.

United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau said the indictment, which was handed up Tuesday, was the sixth, involving kickbacks to officials of the Teamsters Central States Southeast and Southwest Areas Funds obtained by his office.

Mr. Morgenthau said that more than \$7.5-million in mortgage loans was involved in the cases. In the only case that has gone to trial, three defendants were recently convicted.

### Itkin Expected to Testify

Although his name did not appear in the indictment, Herbert Itkin, an F.B.I. informer, is expected to testify for the Government. Mr. Itkin has supplied much of the evidence in the kickback indictments, and was a Government witness in the kickback case involving James L. Marcus, former City Water Commissioner.

The kickback of about \$5,000 was reportedly made to one of the 13 defendants in yesterday's indictment. He is David Wenger, 58-year-old certified public accountant and auditor of the pension fund, Mr. Morgenthau said.

It was supposedly paid to influence Mr. Wenger's decision on a mortgage application by Mid-City Development Company, a Detroit corporation that owns an industrial building complex in Warren, Mich.

Mr. Wenger was one of three defendants not arrested but who

will plead to the indictment next week. The other two are John M. Keilly, 40, a mortgage broker, of Oyster Bay Bay Cove, L. I., and California, and James Plumeri, alias Jimmy Doyle, 66, of 400 East 59th Street.

Plumeri, who has been described as an important member of the Mafia family of the late (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, has been named a defendant in three of the six kickback indictments.

The following defendants from New York have been described by Government sources as members of the gangland group headed by the late Vito Genovese:

Salvatore Celebrino, 65, former organizer for the International Longshoremen's Association, of 242 Sanilac Street, Staten Island; Salvatore Granello, alias Sally Burns, 40, a fugitive, of 215 Mott Street, and Edward Lanzieri, alias Eddie Buff, 52, of 2066 61st Street, Brooklyn.

The indictment also named Dominick (Fat Dominick) Corrado, 39, of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., reputed to be one of the top Mafia figures in Detroit.

Another defendant was Samu Marroscio, 55, of Warren, Mich., a public relations man, who, Mr. Morgenthau said, was instrumental in getting a loan in 1964 for the Mid-City Development Company.

The reputed "referee" in the dispute was Frank Amato of Ingomar, reputed Mafia boss of southwest Pennsylvania; Gabriel Mannarino, 53, of New Kensington; Frank Rosa, 39, of Penn Hills, and Joseph Sica, 60, of Monroeville.

Assistant United States Attorney James W. Brannigan said that in 1964 the Detroit development company needed a \$1.25-million loan to buy the industrial building complex.

The company allegedly received help from the Detroit Mafiosi in obtaining a \$1,050,000 mortgage loan from the

pension fund. The company, Mr. Brannigan said, then asked for help to get an additional \$200,000 loan.

There was some bickering with the Detroit Mafiosi and the company allegedly approached Plumeri in New York. Detroit learned of the deal and protested to New York.

The dispute was brought to the attention of the Mafia's national commission, which held that the matter should be arbitrated in the Pittsburgh area.

The meeting was allegedly held in the \$50,000 home of Rosa's father, who has since died, in a suburb of Pittsburgh. The New York group arrived first and presented its case to Amato. That afternoon the Detroit Mafiosi sat down with Amato and told their story.

That evening Amato allegedly decided that the entire deal would be handled by Detroit and after the loan had been received Detroit would pay off New York Mafiosi.

In similar indictments the Government has said that the arrangers got at least 10 per cent of the total loan.

Mr. Brannigan said that the \$200,000 loan was never made by the pension fund to Mid-City Development.

Celebrino pleaded not guilty, and Federal Judge John M. Cannella set his bail at \$10,000, pending a hearing next month. Bail was set at \$5,000 for Lanzieri, who also pleaded not guilty.